



Conference Highlights

The 2006 Kentucky Lifesavers Conference boasted a record-breaking 30% increase in attendance as over 400 people gathered in support of safer highways in Kentucky.

One of the highlights of the conference was the ceremonial bill signing by Governor Ernie Fletcher. The primary enforcement safety belt bill, a new and improved graduated drivers licensing bill, and the quick clearance bill were all signed into law. Governor Fletcher accepted the Kentucky Safety Award from the National Transportation Safety Board and Secretary Bill Nighbert accepted the National Safety Council's Excellence in Highway Safety Award for their involvement in promoting and passing the primary enforcement safety belt law.

Conference attendees had a chance to attend thirty break-out sessions which focused on the four Es of highway safety – engineering, enforcement, education and emergency response. Ninety-eight percent of conference participants indicated that they thought the conference was exceptional and that they would attend next year and recommend others to attend.

The Kentucky Lifesavers Conference was sponsored in cooperation with the Governor's Executive Committee on Highway Safety, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Federal Highway Administration, Drive Smart Kentucky and the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

NEW KENTUCKY LAWS WILL GO INTO EFFECT SOON

Quick Clearance Law—July 12, 2006

This law allows for crash sites to be quickly cleared from the highways which will decrease the rate of secondary accidents.

Graduated Driver's License Law—October 1, 2006

This law will create an intermediate period of six months for teen drivers between the learner's permit and a full license. During this period, teenagers will have a full license with two restrictions on their driving privileges.

Primary Seat Belt Law —January 1, 2007

This law will give law enforcement officers the authority to pull over a motorist simply for not wearing a seat belt.



Governor Fletcher signs transportation-related bills into law.